

Table 13. Total number of births, rates, and percent of births with selected demographic characteristics, by specified race of mother and place of birth of mother: United States, 1998

Characteristic	All races	White	Black	American Indian ¹	Asian or Pacific Islander					
					Total	Chinese	Japanese	Hawaiian	Filipino	Other
	Number									
Births	3,941,553	3,118,727	609,902	40,272	172,652	28,058	8,893	6,025	31,170	98,506
	Rate									
Birth rate ²	14.6	14.0	17.7	17.1	16.4	---	---	---	---	---
Fertility rate ³	65.6	64.6	71.0	70.7	64.0	---	---	---	---	---
Total fertility rate ⁴	2,058.5	2,041.0	2,171.0	2,090.5	1,867.5	---	---	---	---	---
Sex ratio ⁵	1,047	1,049	1,034	1,038	1,061	1,067	1,030	1,044	1,067	1,061
	Percent									
All births										
Births to mothers under 20 years	12.5	11.1	21.5	20.9	5.4	0.9	2.4	18.8	6.2	5.8
4th- and higher-order births	10.5	9.7	14.9	19.5	7.7	2.4	4.3	14.7	7.2	9.2
Births to unmarried mothers	32.8	26.3	69.1	59.3	15.6	6.4	9.7	51.1	19.7	15.2
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	78.1	78.8	73.1	67.3	87.1	88.6	97.6	81.5	93.1	84.1
Mothers born in the 50 States and DC	80.5	82.2	89.1	95.8	16.6	9.8	43.7	97.9	19.4	10.2
Mothers born in the 50 States and DC										
Births to mothers under 20 years	13.6	11.4	23.3	21.4	16.0	3.7	4.7	19.0	17.6	21.0
4th- and higher-order births	9.9	8.7	15.0	19.8	8.1	3.9	5.5	14.8	7.5	6.5
Births to unmarried mothers	33.8	25.3	72.2	60.5	33.8	11.1	15.7	15.7	51.5	39.0
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	82.2	84.5	72.2	67.2	86.5	97.0	96.2	81.4	88.0	81.9
Mothers born outside the 50 States and DC										
Births to mothers under 20 years	8.1	9.6	6.8	9.3	3.2	0.6	0.5	10.5	3.5	4.1
4th- and higher-order births	12.8	14.1	13.3	11.4	7.6	2.2	3.4	6.5	7.1	9.5
Births to unmarried mothers	28.5	31.1	42.7	31.0	11.9	5.8	5.0	31.5	15.1	13.1
Mothers completing 12 years or more of school	61.0	51.7	81.2	70.4	87.1	87.7	98.6	86.8	94.2	84.3

--- Data not available.

¹ Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.² Rate per 1,000 population.³ Rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years.⁴ Rates are sums of birth rates for 5-year age groups multiplied by 5.⁵ Male live births per 1,000 female live births.

NOTE: Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on birth certificates. In this table all women (including Hispanic women) are classified only according to their race; see Technical notes.